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From: Brian Imana <bimana14@yahoo.com>
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To: House Finance Committee
Subject: In Support of RI Promise (Article 1 Sec 15 and 2021 H 5524)

Dear Chairman Abney and members of the House Committee on Finance,

I am writing to share my support for the Rhode Island Promise program at CCRI. As someone who benefitted from RI Promise, I know firsthand the positive impact it had on my family and education. I graduated from Barrington Christian Academy in 2017, and was one of the first group of high school graduates to participate in the program. I graduated CCRI in 2019, transferred to URI, and will graduate this May.

I am grateful for the opportunity to attend CCRI tuition free, and my time there gave me the confidence and skills to be a successful college student with the skills and education to enter the workforce as a vital and active contributor to Rhode Island's economy. Especially now, CCRI's graduates will bring economic development and drive our state's recovery. I believe it is a good education policy and a smart economic development policy, and I can personally attest, I've benefitted from it.

For these reasons, I ask that you support making the program permanent and give thousands of Rhode Island students like me as well as their families the security knowing a college education can be a reality.

Sincerely,
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